Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date: April 20, 2006	Bureau/Station/Facility: Lennox Station	Admin. Invest.? ☐	Hit? ☒

Incident Information

URN: 053-00679-0378-013	Date: January 24, 2005 — Time: 0118 hrs.
City or Station: Lennox Station	Nature of Incident: Deputies Saavedra and Lopez were patrolling northbound on Vermont Avenue, approaching 125th Street, when they saw two men on the east sidewalk. As they drove closer, they saw one man, later identified as Suspect Bell, running up to the other man, later identified as Ruben Smith. As they stop their patrol car to investigate, Suspect Bell suddenly turned and began running south. Deputy Lopez exited the passenger side of the car and saw Suspect Bell reach into his waistband and draw a handgun. Deputy Lopez ordered Susped Bell to drop the gun and stop. Suspect Bell suddenly turned and pointed his handgun at Deputy Lopez. Believing that he and his partner were about to be shot, Deputy Lopez fired four rounds at the suspect striking him.
Location: South Vermont Ave/West 125th Street, Los Angeles	

Location Type (*circle one or more*):
Backyard
Beach
Business
Freeway
Industrial
Park
Parking Lot
Residence
Rural
School
(Street)
Other: ______

Lighting (*circle only one*):
Darkness
Daylight
Other
(Street Lights)

Weather (*circle only one*):
Clear
Cloudy
(Fog)
Rain

Distance: 35.5 feet

Incident Type (*circle one or more*):
Accidental
(Armed Person)
(Fleeing Suspect)
Foot Pursuit
Gun Take Away
Moving Vehicle
Sniper/Ambush
Startle
Struggle Involved
Traffic Stop
Unarmed Person
Unintentional
Vehicle Pursuit
Warrant Service
Other: ______

Initiated by (*circle only one*):
Arrest Warrant
Call
(Observation)
One Person Unit
Other
Search Warrant
Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (*circle only one*):
Detective
Inmate Transport
Other
(Routine Patrol)

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy	Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect
4	0

Aero Unit? ☐ Canine Unit? ☐

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (*circle only one*)	ShiftType (*circle only one*)
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		**(EM)** PM Day	**(Regular)** Overtime Off Duty
				EM PM Day	Regular Overtime Off Duty
				EM PM Day	Regular Overtime Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name		First Name			M.I.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph	
Last Name		First Name			M.I.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph	
Last Name		First Name			M.I.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph	

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I	(*circle one or more*)
[redacted]	Westin	Richard	L	**(On Duty)** / Present during shooting / Witness to shooting / Involved in shooting
				On Duty / Present during shooting / Witness to shooting / Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Plett	Norine	H

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See Reverse

Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
January 24, 2005	0118 hours	4/20/06	

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I
[redacted]	Anderson	Clay	J
[redacted]	Landreth	Larry	L
[redacted]	Jennings	Rickey	D

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED (one code per block)

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S#1	E#1	FH	SW	35				
E#1	S#1	FH	HK	45	Y	Y	DH	HE



Officer Involved Shooting
Involved Employee Information

URN: 053-00679-0378-013

Involved Employee

E 1

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: Lopez	First Name: Carlos	M.I.: Earlie
Sex: M Race: H	Rank: Deputy Sheriff	Unit Assignment: Lennox Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): Unit 31D
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): (EM) PM Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): (Regular) Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☒	Coroner Case #: 2005-00708 — Interviewed? ☒
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 6-8 hours	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest / Raid Jacket w/ Vest / Plain Clothes w/ Vest / Uniform no Vest / Raid Jacket no Vest / (Uniform w/ Vest)	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted] Height: 5'8"	Weight: 185		
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? [redacted] Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. S
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM PM Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): Regular Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # — Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest / Raid Jacket w/ Vest / Plain Clothes w/ Vest / Uniform no Vest / Raid Jacket no Vest / Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: Height:	Weight:		
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? ☐ Number of Prior Shootings:
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM PM Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): Regular Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # — Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest / Raid Jacket w/ Vest / Plain Clothes w/ Vest / Uniform no Vest / Raid Jacket no Vest / Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: Height:	Weight:		
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? ☐ Number of Prior Shootings:
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

Officer Involved Shooting Suspect Information

Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Bell	First Name: Kazi	M.I.: S
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:

Sex: M Race: Black	Street Address: [redacted]	City: [redacted]	State & Zip Code: [redacted]
Work Phone: None	Home Phone: None	Social Security #: [redacted]	Driver's License #: [redacted]
Age: 22 D.O.B. 01-01-83	Height: 5'10" Weight: 140 lbs	FBI #: [redacted]	CII #: [redacted]
Booking #: 7709469	Primary Charge: 245 PC	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☒	Coroner Case #: 2005-00708	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used: PCP, marijuana, alcohol
Armed? ☒	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☒
Vehicle Make: None		Model:	Year:

S_

Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:

Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #:	CII #:
Booking #:	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make:		Model:	Year:

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Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:

Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #:	CII #:
Booking #:	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make:		Model:	Year:

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Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:

Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #:	CII #:
Booking #:	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make:		Model:	Year:

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY
DEPUTY INVOLVED HIT SHOOTING - SUSPECT DECEASED

UNIT:	Lennox Station
DATE:	Monday, January 24, 2005
TIME:	0118 hours
LOCATION:	Intersection of West 125th Street and Vermont Avenue, City of Los Angeles
URN#:	005-00679-0378-013
IAB#:	SH#2138293

On April 24, 2004, the Internal Affairs Bureau's Force and Shooting Response Team responded to the intersection of Vermont Avenue and West 125th Street in the City of Los Angeles (adjacent to Lennox Station's area) regarding an officer involved hit shooting. The team consisted of Sergeant Clay Anderson, Sergeant Larry Landreth, and Lieutenant Rick Jennings. Detectives Mitchell Robinson and Richard Garcia of the Sheriff Department's Homicide Bureau were the detectives assigned to handle the criminal aspect of the incident.

When the team members arrived at the location, the crime scene was preserved and there was an active command post and containment of the area. The body of Kazi Bell (deceased) laid in the intersection of Vermont Avenue at West 125th Street and one witness [redacted] had been transported to Lennox Sheriff's Station. Investigators learned Deputy Carlos Lopez (shooter) and his partner, Deputy [redacted] were involved in an incident at the intersection which culminated into an officer involved hit-shooting.

Deputies Lopez and [redacted] are Early Morning Shift (EM), uniformed patrol officers, working a two-man unit in a marked Sheriff's patrol car. Deputy [redacted] was the driver of the vehicle with Deputy Lopez as the passenger ("bookman").

This investigation is based on information obtained during the criminal investigation, which includes statements by the involved deputies and witnesses at the scene, coupled with various written documentation.

SYNOPSIS:

On January 24,2005 at approximately 1:18 AM, Deputies Carlos Lopez and [redacted] were traveling northbound on Vermont Avenue approaching West 125th Street in the City of Los Angeles in a marked Sheriff's patrol car, when they observed [redacted] running northbound on the east side of the street. The deputies then noticed [redacted] joined Kazi Shinda Bell, who was also on the sidewalk ahead of him. Together, [redacted] and Bell walked northbound on Vermont from West 125th Street.

Deputy [redacted] who was driving, illuminated [redacted] and Bell with the patrol car driver's side spotlight, as Deputy Lopez also illuminated the two men with the passenger's spotlight. Bell immediately began to run south, back towards West 125th Street. As Bell ran past the patrol car, Deputy Lopez observed him removing a handgun from his waistband. Deputy Lopez ordered Bell to stop running, but Bell ignored Deputy Lopez's orders and continued running towards West 125th Street. As Bell approached the corner of Vermont Avenue and West 125th Street, he turned to his right and pointed the handgun at Deputy Lopez. In fear for his life, Deputy Lopez fired four rounds at Bell, striking him once in the head, causing Bell to fall to the ground.

Deputy Lopez issued a broadcast of the shooting, requesting assistance and emergency aid. Los Angeles County Paramedics responded to the scene and pronounced Bell dead at approximately 1:29 AM. Deputy [redacted] detained Kazi Bell's companion, [redacted]. Los Angeles Police Officers [redacted] and [redacted] were patrolling Vermont Avenue at the time of the shooting and observed a Sheriff's patrol car stopped in the northbound lanes of Vermont Avenue. When they stopped to provide assistance, the officers saw that the male lying on the ground had been shot and that his right hand was lying on his chest holding a handgun. The deputies recovered a .357 caliber handgun from Bell. The handgun contained six live rounds.

Deputy Medical Examiner Ajay J. Panchal, M.D., concluded that Bell died as a result of a single gunshot wound to the head. A subsequent autopsy also revealed the presence of marijuana, phencyclidine, and alcohol in Bell's system.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL:

Carlos Lopez
Deputy Sheriff, Employee #[redacted]
Field Operations Region II
Lennox Sheriff's Station

Santino Saavedra
Deputy Sheriff, Employee #[redacted]

Field Operations Region II
Lennox Sheriff's Station

EMPLOYEE WORK HISTORY:

Deputy Carlos Lopez



Date of Employment:	05/31/95
Date assigned to Lennox Station:	[redacted]
Date completed patrol training:	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s):	[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	[redacted]

Deputy [redacted]



Date of Employment:	[redacted]
Date assigned to Lennox Station:	[redacted]
Date completed patrol training:	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s):	[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	[redacted]

SUSPECT(S):

Kazi Shinda Bell, MB/01-01-83, 5'11", 140 lbs., black/brown
Raymond Crips - aka "Bucc," "Solo"
[redacted]

SID/CII: [redacted] Main: [redacted] FBI: [redacted]

CRIMINAL HISTORY:



[redacted]

IAB Note: A copy of Kazi Bell's criminal history report is included in this investigation as **Exhibit C**.

WITNESSES:



[redacted] MB/[redacted]

LAPD Officer [redacted]
South East Division
108th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90061
(323) 485-6914

LAPD Officer [redacted]
South East Division
108th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90061
(323) 485-6914

INJURIES:

Kazi Bell sustained a single gunshot wound to his head, just below his left eye. The wound was located four inches (4") from the top of his head and 2 5/8 inches (2 5/8") left of the midline. The bullet did not exit Bell's body, and the lead projectile was subsequently removed by Deputy Medical Examiner Ajay J. Panchal, M.D. The projectile penetrated Bell's skin, soft tissue, left temporal skull, and was lodged in his right occipital skull. A fragment of the lead projectile was also recovered in Bell's throat (pharynx).

> **IAB Note:** The autopsy report is contained within the Homicide report, which is included in this investigation as **Exhibit A, pages 18-44.**

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:

Refer to the Homicide Book, **Exhibit A, pages 6 through 14** for physical evidence gathered at the crime scene and processed by the Crime Lab.

INVESTIGATOR OBSERVATIONS:

The physical evidence at the shooting scene (positions of the deputy's shell casings; position of the patrol cars; position of the suspect, and evidence recovered at the scene) appeared to be consistent with the deputies' and witnesses' versions of the event.

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL:

Deputy Lopez

Department authorized service firearm: Heckler and Koch, Model USP, .45 caliber, serial number #[redacted]. Deputy Lopez's weapon contained one live round in the chamber and eight live Winchester 45 caliber rounds in the gun's magazine. Prior to the shooting, Deputy Lopez said his weapon was loaded with one live round in the chamber and twelve live rounds in the magazine. Nine rounds remained in the gun, which would account for **four rounds fired during the shooting incident.**

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT(S):

A Smith & Wesson revolver (Serial #[redacted] Model 28-2,.357 caliber, blue steel, four inch barrel and wood grips) was recovered from Bell's body. The weapon was loaded with six live .38 caliber bullets.

> **IAB Note:** The revolver had been reported as a stolen gun on November 19, 2000 to the Broken Arrow Police Department in Oklahoma.

PROPERTY DAMAGE:

None observed.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR and CHARGES FILED:

Investigator: Detectives Mitchell Robinson and Richard Garcia, Homicide Bureau

Charges Filed: None, Suspect Deceased

LIGHTING OR WEATHER CONDITIONS:

The weather was foggy, cool, and dark at the time of the shooting (approximately 0118 hours).

INVOLVED DEPUTIES:

Deputy [redacted]

Deputy [redacted] was interviewed at Lennox Sheriff's Station by Homicide investigators, Detectives Richard Garcia and Mitchell Robison, on January 24, 2005 at about 0522 hours (approximately four hours after the initial shooting). The interview was audio recorded.

Deputy [redacted] said at approximately 0118 hours, he and Deputy Lopez were traveling northbound in their marked patrol vehicle on Vermont Avenue approaching West 125thStreet, when they observed a Black male (later identified as [redacted] wearing a white T-shirt, running northbound on the east sidewalk of Vermont Avenue. Deputy [redacted] related that because of the late hour and the vicinity was a "high crime area," they drove closer to the male to "get a better look." As they neared [redacted] Deputy [redacted] said he noticed that he met up with a second Black male (Kazi Bell) wearing dark clothing, who was already walking on the sidewalk north (ahead) of them. The two then proceeded walking northbound together.

Deputy [redacted] said he and Deputy Lopez illuminated both of the men with their patrol vehicle's spotlights. Once the two were illuminated, the males turned and looked in their direction. Deputy [redacted] stated that the men ([redacted] and Bell) appeared startled by their presence, and the male in the dark clothing, Kazi Bell, suddenly turned and ran southbound on the sidewalk. Deputy [redacted] said that as Bell ran towards the patrol car, he noticed that Bell continuously reached into his waistband area. Deputy [redacted] related that due to his past experience, he believed that Bell was attempting to retrieve a weapon which was concealed in the waistband area.

Deputy [redacted] said he stopped the patrol car and Deputy Lopez exited the vehicle through the passenger's door. As he [redacted] exited the car from the driver's side, he focused on [redacted] and ordered him to lay on the ground ("prone"). Deputy [redacted] said that as his attention was on [redacted], he heard Deputy Lopez yell to Bell, "Stop or I'll shoot." Shortly after a second command ordering Bell to stop, Deputy [redacted] said he heard three to four gunshots coming from Deputy Lopez' direction. He said he turned towards Lopez and saw that he (Lopez) was near the sidewalk of Vermont Avenue and Kazi Bell was lying face down at the intersection (Vermont Avenue and West 125th Street). Deputy [redacted] said Deputy Lopez then requested assistance, and he detained [redacted].

With the arrival of assisting units, Deputy [redacted] said the scene was contained, and Deputy Lopez and [redacted] were transported to Lennox Sheriff's Station.

Deputy Carlos Lopez

Deputy Carlos Lopez was interviewed at Lennox Sheriff's Station by Homicide investigators, Detectives Richard Garcia and Mitchell Robison, on January 24, 2005 at 0547 hours (approximately four and half hours after the shooting), and by Internal Affairs investigators, Sergeants Clay Anderson and Larry Landreth, at the Internal Affairs building in the City of Commerce on May 17, 2006. The following is a summary of the interviews, which were audio recorded.

Deputy Lopez said he and his partner, Deputy [redacted], were driving northbound on Vermont Avenue at West 125th Street, when his attention was drawn to a Black male (later identified as [redacted]) running northbound on the east sidewalk of Vermont Avenue. Deputy Lopez said the male met up with a second man (Kazi Bell), who was also on the sidewalk. Deputy Lopez related that the vicinity of the location was a "gang area," and he believed [redacted], who had been running, may have been involved in some type of criminal activity. Deputy Lopez said that as they drove closer to the men, he illuminated them with the patrol car's spotlight. The men stopped, turned, and looked in the direction of the patrol car which was approaching them. Suddenly, Bell began running south on the sidewalk in their direction.

As Bell ran towards him, Deputy Lopez said he began to exit the patrol car to contact him. He said he noticed that Bell was "hunched over" reaching towards his waistband, as if he

was attempting to retrieve a weapon. As Bell ran closer, Lopez said he glanced back towards the other male ([redacted]) and saw that he had his hands in the air as if he was surrendering. (Lopez related that neither he nor his partner had ordered [redacted] to raise his hands). As he re-focused on Bell, Deputy Lopez saw Bell retrieve a dark-colored handgun from his waistband as Bell continued on the sidewalk past him. Deputy Lopez said he moved to a position of cover behind some trash cans near the sidewalk, and ordered Bell, twice, "Stop or I'll shoot." Bell turned towards Deputy Lopez and raised his weapon, pointing the weapon at him. Deputy Lopez said he feared that the suspect was about to "shoot me, kill me or my partner," so he fired three to four rounds at Bell. Bell then fell to the street, lying face down.

Deputy Lopez related that the incident happened "extremely quick." He said after firing his weapon, he ensured Deputy [redacted] was "ok," then requested assistance and paramedics via Sheriff's radio. Once additional units arrived, Deputy Lopez observed Bell lying in the intersection, still holding his weapon in his hand. He said he also saw that Bell had been hit (shot) in the head. Deputy Lopez said he was subsequently transported to Lennox Station.

WITNESS STATEMENTS:

Witness [redacted]

Witness [redacted] was interviewed at Lennox Sheriff's Station by Homicide investigators Detectives Richard Garcia and Mitchell Robison on January 24, 2005 at about 0637 hours (approximately five hours after the initial shooting). The interview was audio recorded.

Witness [redacted] said that he lived the city of [redacted], but he was in the area of the incident visiting friends. He said he had walked to the "Shell" (gas station) located on El Segundo Boulevard and Vermont Avenue to buy a cigar, where he met up with Kazi Bell. Witness [redacted] stated that he and Kazi Bell are both members of the "Raymond Crips" street gang.

Witness [redacted] said he told Bell that he was walking to the "Metro Line," so he could take it to his girlfriend's house and smoke some "weed" (marijuana). He said Bell stated that he would walk with him to the "Metro Line," which was located north on Vermont Avenue. Witness [redacted] said as they reached 124th or 125th Street, a patrol car drove toward them and pointed their lights at them. He said as he placed his hands "up," Suspect Bell suddenly turned and ran southbound.

Witness [redacted] said he did not see Bell after he initially started to run, but he heard one of the deputies (unknown) call out to Bell, twice, "Stop or I'm going to shoot you." He said he then heard a number of gunshots, possibly three or more. After the shots, Witness [redacted] said he heard one of the deputies tell the other deputy to "call for help." At that time, he said he was ordered to "get onto the ground," where he was handcuffed and subsequently

placed into a patrol car.

Witness [redacted] stated that he observed a revolver, possibly a .38 or .357, being removed from Kazi Bell as he (Bell) laid in the intersection. He stated that he had seen a similar weapon "around," with members of the "Raymond Crips." Witness [redacted] further related that he had also seen Bell in possession of a similar type weapon.

LAPD Officers [redacted] and [redacted]

Los Angeles Police Officers [redacted] and [redacted] related essentially the same account of the incident. Both officers said while patrolling the area near the incident, they happened by the scene, observing a Sheriff's patrol car stopped in the northbound lane of Vermont Avenue. The officers stated that they observed the body of a black male lying in the intersection with two officers near the patrol car. They stated that one of the officers (unidentified) was detaining a Black male, as the officer (also unidentified) appeared to be watching the body in the intersection. The officers stated that they saw that the male lying on the ground had been shot and that his right hand was lying on his chest holding a handgun. Each officer stated that he took no action, explaining that shortly after they arrived, other Sheriff Department personnel had responded to the scene.

SUSPECT STATEMENT:

(Deceased)